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8. (Confidential - GLC) Colonel Freed, of DOD, called to say that Defense had run into problems in connection with the paper which they had prepared on "Strategic Alternatives in Future Chinese Military Planning" in response to Senator Proxmire's (D., Wis.) request for such a contribution to be included in the Joint Economic Committee's upcoming study on China. Freed said that their security review people had referred this to interested offices for clearance and indicated that the State Department, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and ISA have all informally nonconcurred in having this study submitted to the Committee at this point in time in view of the current status of relationships between the U.S. and Communist China. Freed asked if we had run into any similar problems in the preparation of our materials. I told him that I thought all of the studies we had prepared were rather noncontroversial in comparison to the one prepared by DOD and I indicated that to the best of my knowledge all of our papers had been submitted to the Library of Congress. Freed merely wanted to check to see if the Agency had a similar problem so that we could join forces in resolving it. (I have advised [redacted] of the DDI's office, of this conversation.)

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10. (Confidential - JMM) Introduced Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who gave a lively talk to the Agency's Advanced Intelligence Seminar on our relations with Congress. Blandford noted that the Agency was coming in for more and more critical scrutiny, primarily as a result of such questions as our involvement in Laos. He complimented the Agency on its reputation for candor and leveling with the Committee, and gave us assurances that if this policy continued we could count on Committee support. He noted current concern in the Committee about overclassification and deplored the irresponsible tendency of all Executive agencies to overclassify everything, which he said created far more security problems than it solved.

25X1 11. (Secret - JMM) Briefed Russ Blandford and Frank Slatinshek, House Armed Services Committee staff, on recent developments regarding Soviet

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12. (Confidential - JMM) Left at the office of Representative Robert L. F. Sikes a recent FBIS study on foreign reactions to the President's China trip, in which Sikes had previously expressed interest.

13. (Confidential - JMM) Left a copy of the China atlas at the office of Representative J. Kenneth Robinson.

14. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, regarding today's appearance of G. Warren Nutter and Maj. Gen. George Seignious, both of ISA, and Don Brazier, DOD Comptroller, and William H. Sullivan, of State Department on the Defense Procurement Authorization bill. See Memo for Record.

25X1 15. (Confidential - JMM) David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to say they were deeply concerned over the possibility that the Secretary would be asked, during his appearance tomorrow before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, about studies concerning RFE and Radio Liberty, and the cost of their termination, which the Committee had requested. I told Abshire that I understood that all concerned had agreed Chairman Fulbright should be provided a copy of the latest study on the termination costs, but I was not familiar with the contents of various other studies concerning the Radios and thought this would have to be discussed between [redacted] of the Agency, and Mr. Baker, of State, who were already in touch in this regard. Abshire suggested that if queried about additional studies the Secretary should refer Fulbright to the Agency. I said I thought we would object to this, since we had washed our hands of the Radios and I thought any contact with the Committee in this regard should be through the Department and Office of Management and Budget. I said I would ask Mr. Feldman to call Mr. Baker immediately, which I did.

Mr. Feldman called me after having talked to Mr. Baker and said he and Baker had agreed that, if pressed by Fulbright for additional studies other than the one on termination costs, the Secretary should simply say that he would have to take this up with the Agency. Mr. Feldman said Mr. Baker apparently had not been successful in selling this solution to Mr. Abshire.

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18. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mrs. Barbara Raver, Administrative Assistant to Representative George A. Goodling (R. . Pa.), and gave her a copy of the FBIS subscription application for use for a constituent.

19. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to Miss Ann Gordon, in the office of Representative Earl F. Landgrebe (R. , Ind.), a copy of the "People's Republic of China" atlas.

21. (Unclassified - JGO) The Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee will begin hearings tomorrow in open session on the classification and handling of information involving the national security and H.R. 9853. Mr. J. Fred Buzhardt, Department of Defense, will be the witness on 8 and 9 March, and a representative from the Department of State on 10 March. Mr. Ralph Erickson, Office of Assistant Attorney - Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, is scheduled to appear on Monday, 13 March.

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22. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Mr. Bun Bray, Associate Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Administration bill for Federal Executive Service, H. R. 3807, will be reported out after hearings by the Subcommittee. The Administration is putting quite a bit of emphasis on passage of the bill. A meeting with Mr. Bray to brief him on Agency consideration relating to the bill is tentatively scheduled for 13 or 14 March. Mr. John Warner, OGC, and Mr. Harry Fisher, D/Pers, have been advised.

23. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Lisa Gerard, in the Office of Management and Budget, called to ask if Chairman Nedzi had requested our testimony on H. R. 9853, the Hebert/Arends bill establishing a Security Commission, explaining that Mr. Buzhardt, Department of Defense, is scheduled to testify on 8 and 9 March, State on the 10th, and Justice on the 13th. She said the word around OMB is that the revised Executive order on classification will be issued either today or tomorrow.

I reminded Miss Gerard that the Armed Services Committee was our oversight committee and explained their interest in testimony from the Director on the unique problems in the intelligence field, but that this runs against the long-standing policy that the Director not testify for the public record. I said one development might be an informal meeting with the Committee to brief them on the areas in which they are interested. I told her that until this is sorted out, it did not look like we would be taking a position on the bill, but that if the bill is going to move, we would most likely have to ask for some protection. She asked that we keep in touch as matters develop and I said we would.

25X1 24. [redacted] Lee Paden, in the office of Senator Henry
Bellmon (R., Okla.), called to set up an employment interview for [redacted] 25X1
25X1 After checking with [redacted] I told him that an appointment has been
scheduled for 2:00 this afternoon.

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25X1 [redacted] Mr. Thuermer

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